



# The End Result of Annexation

- 1. Little or no change in the daily lifestyles of the citizens in the affected areas.**
  - A. Your livestock and other animals will not be taken away.
  - B. You will not be forced to become a Benton utility customer.
  - C. Code Enforcement will not react to your property unless a fellow citizen files a complaint.
  - D. Benton Police will not restrict your use of firearms unless a fellow citizen files a complaint.
  - E. Benton Fire Department will not prevent you from burning limbs, leaves and grass clippings.
- 2. Property owners in the affected areas will pay an increase in annual property taxes of \$90 per \$100,000 of property.**
- 3. Citizens in the affected areas will have FULL access to city services as soon as possible.**
- 4. The City of Benton will realize an increase in property tax revenue and State funds for road repairs.**
- 5. Citizens in the affected areas will have the right to vote on City related issues and will gain influence on how Benton's elected officials spend their tax dollars.**
- 6. Citizens in the affected areas will gain professional representation from the Mayor of Benton and Benton City Council.**
- 7. The City of Benton sales tax no longer subsidizes Benton's electric rates . Citizens in the proposed annexation areas will have no change in their utility providers.**